



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
*Office of Community Oriented Policing Services*

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Office of the Director  
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Dear Colleague:

The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS **Tribal Resources Grant Program 2000 (TRGP2000)**. The COPS Office has been appropriated \$40 million to address the most serious needs of Indian Community Law Enforcement through a broadened, innovative hiring program. This program provides a "menu of options" for salary and benefits for new police personnel, as well as funding for law enforcement training and equipment for new and existing police officers, and is meant to enhance tribal law enforcement infrastructures and community policing efforts. Therefore, grant requests should reflect your department's most serious law enforcement needs and must be linked to the implementation of community policing.

This program is open to all Federally Recognized Tribes with established police departments. Tribes that wish to establish police departments and meet specific criteria are also eligible to apply, as are tribes or villages that wish to work together and apply as a consortium. In addition, tribes that are currently served by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law enforcement may request funding under TRGP2000 to supplement their existing police services.

However, tribes whose law enforcement services are provided by local non-tribal policing agencies through a contract arrangement are not eligible under this program but may apply law enforcement positions under the COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP).

The Tribal Resources Grant Program 2000 is part of the Indian Country Law Enforcement Improvement Initiative, a collaboration between the Departments of Justice and Interior to improve police staffing and resource capabilities of tribal communities. A total of \$91.5 million has been appropriated to the Department of Justice through COPS and several Office of Justice Program grant-making agencies which have developed grant programs to improve police, courts, juvenile justice, detention, and other aspects of Indian Country criminal justice. Information about these programs is available from the DOJ Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.

We encourage your department to apply for a grant under the COPS Office Tribal Resources Grant Program 2000. **Completed applications must be postmarked no later than the due date of May 5, 2000.** The COPS Office looks forward to working with those tribes which apply under this program and will provide technical assistance to applicants on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.

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Thomas C. Frazier  
Director